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*Department for the Aging*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Tim M. Catherman  
Deputy Commissioner, Support Services

**DATE:** May 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Aging and AoA in the News

Below are Virginia Aging or AoA related articles that have occurred since last week's Tuesday E-mailing. These links do not require a paid service; however, some (like the Washington Post, etc.) ask a brief survey or registration. Please note some links are time sensitive and can change daily. Some articles may be editorial and/or political. Links are presented 'as is'.

If you are aware of additional articles, please e-mail me a link for inclusion next week.

**Virginia AAAs In the News**[Virginia attorney general lauds work of Children's Advocacy Center](#)

Kingsport Times – Kingsport, TN

The CAC is housed in the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc. (MEOC) complex in Big Stone Gap and offers child abuse services ranging from prevention to intervention to treatment.

[Volunteers honored for service efforts](#)

Culpeper Star Exponent - Culpeper, VA

... Nutrition sites, which operate under the auspices of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Board, provide free meals and other services to senior citizens ...

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**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** E. Janet Riddick

**DATE:** May 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

VDA recently issued a notice of intent to release a Request for Proposals for guardianship services. The RFP is scheduled for release on June 27, 2005; and is specifically for services for individuals with mental illness and/or mental retardation who are 18 years of age or older.

Thank you.



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May 11, 2005

Dear Public Guardian Program Director and Other Interested Parties:

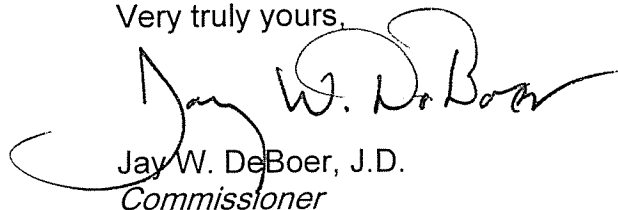
I want to make you aware of an opportunity for existing Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Programs and community organizations, including communities of faith, to take a leadership role in the development or expansion of public guardian and conservator services for individuals with mental illness and/or mental retardation who are 18 years of age or older. The **Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program** will receive an appropriation of \$132,000 on July 1, 2005. These funds can be used to develop a new program or to expand an existing program.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be mailed to you if you are on our list of interested bidders, or if you received a RFP application package last year. Or, you can go to our web site at [www.vda.virginia.gov](http://www.vda.virginia.gov) click on **News** and download a copy of the RFP. If you would like a RFP mailed to you, please contact Ms. Jane Snead at 804-662-9329 or by email at [jane.snead@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:jane.snead@vda.virginia.gov). The RFP will be available on Monday, June 27, 2005 and Proposals will be due on July 27, 2005.

If you have questions about the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program, contact Ms. Janet Dingle Brown at 804-662-7049 or email her at [janet.brown@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:janet.brown@vda.virginia.gov). I encourage interested parties to begin planning now to take advantage of this opportunity to provide public guardian and conservator services for individuals with mental illness and/or mental retardation who are 18 years of age or older.

With best personal wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Jay W. DeBoer, J.D.  
Commissioner

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

AND: AIM System Managers

FROM: Leonard Eshmont  
Information System Administrator

DATE: May 17, 2005

RE: Virginia Aging Information System - AIM SQL Training

VDA will hold **AIM SQL** training on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29, 2005. We will be covering in detail the "Select Statement" which is the main component for developing complex Infomaker reports. As a reminder, a form of this database language is a standard tool on all current databases used today, so much of what is learned can be applied to other applications as well. Prerequisites include knowledge of basic database terminology, concepts and have attended a previous Infomaker Class. This is a full two-day training course by Dwayne Oedewaldt with the Saber Corporation. Class time the initial day, July 28<sup>th</sup> will be from 10 am to 5:00 pm. Second day class times will be 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. This is "hands-on" training that will take place at the Wythe Building (Hopewell Lab) within our Forest Office Complex.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person, but limited to the first fifteen participants and **payment must be received in advance**. Because registration is limited, this training is offered on first come, first serve basis. Once registered, please send a check for this fee made payable to Virginia Department for the Aging with notation "AIM SQL Training" to our office attention Leonard Eshmont. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation, meals, and lodging.

Lodging is available for the nights of July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn I-64 and W.Broad St. Rates are \$74.00 per room plus applicable taxes. Reservations can be obtained by calling toll free (800) 465-4329 and acknowledging that you are with the VDA event. Reservations must be made no later than Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005; otherwise there is no guarantee a room will be available at the time of your request.

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Directions to the Wythe Building within the Forest Office Park and to the above mentioned hotel will be included in next weeks reminder notice of this event. Please respond by July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 if you have personnel that would like to attend this event. I can be reached by phone at (804) 662-9800 or email at Leonard.Eshmont@vda.virginia.gov.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** May 17, 2005

**SUBJECT: VIRGINIA CITIZEN CORPS STATE COUNCIL STATUS REPORT**

Governor Mark Warner has initiated Virginia Corps to mobilize citizens in support of homeland security and preparedness. This is a volunteer-driven initiative where Virginia Corps serves as a central clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities across Virginia, linking citizens with a wide variety of volunteer efforts. The following status report was distributed at the Corps May 6, 2005, Council meeting.

- 54 local Citizen Corps Councils and 50 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) programs now serve 75% of Virginia's population.
- Nearly 3,500 residents have completed CERT training.
- Virginia's registered Volunteer in Police Service Programs (VIPS) has increased to 34.
- Virginia has a new Citizen Corps program housed under Virginia Department of Fire Programs - Fire Corps
- 114 Public Safety Educators have completed the CERT Train-the-Trainer courses since October, bringing the total trained to 351.
- Citizen Corps (CERT, MRC, NW & VIPS) volunteers participated in Winter Preparedness activities, Tornado and Hurricane Awareness activities, the P-3 Hurricane Hunter Event and distribution of Public Service Announcements to local television outlets.
- Citizen Corps Office participated and exhibited at the Virginia Crime Prevention Conference (March), Virginia Fire Chiefs Association Conference (February) and the Virginia Emergency Management Association Conference (April).
- Virginia Citizen Corps is developing partnerships with Nextel (Citizen Corps day at Richmond International Raceway), Virginia Boy Scouts (Boy Scout Jamboree). Both of these have asked to partner with our local programs.
- Upcoming events include **Disaster Volunteer Day** (Richmond - hosted by VDH & VDEM), Executive Office Building Employee Training and National Preparedness Month. A flier for this event is attached.

# Disaster Volunteer Day

Saturday, June 11, 2005  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arthur Ashe Center | 3017 N. Boulevard | Richmond, Va. 23230

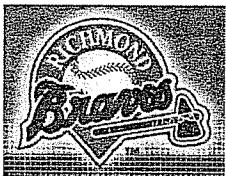
Calling all emergency volunteers - **free** hands-on workshops

Active training with emergency  
response and preparedness experts in

- severe weather
- epidemics
- hazardous materials
- bioterrorism
- search & rescue
- crisis mental health
- shelter ops

Call Judy Marston at 804.864.7036 or  
Suzanne Simmons and Heather King at  
804.897.6500, ext. 6594 to register

Join us to watch the Richmond Braves vs. the Syracuse SkyChiefs after the event - tickets half price!





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**SUBJECT:** **ALLSTATE LAUNCHES STATEWIDE CALL TO PROTECT PROGRAM IN  
SUPPORT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) is working in partnership with the Allstate Foundation, along with the Wireless Foundation and local law enforcement agencies, to launch a statewide public-private initiative to collect used cell phones. Known as the ***Call to Protect*** program, the new initiative urges Virginia cell phone users to donate old cell phones and batteries at local participating Allstate agencies. Experts estimate there are more than 60 million inactive phones in the U.S. All ***Call to Protect*** phones will be pre-programmed to dial 911 and usually one or two non-emergency numbers like a domestic violence shelter. The May 4, 2005, announcement about the Virginia partnership is attached.



**Contact: Shaundra Turner  
(703) 218-0107**

***Virginia Crime Prevention Association and Allstate Launch Statewide  
Call to Protect Program to Help Domestic Violence Victims Rebuild and Reconnect***

***New Partnership Urges Public to Donate Used Cell Phones at Participating Allstate Agencies***

Richmond, Va., May 4, 2005—Asking every Virginian to donate at least one used cell phone to fight domestic violence and combat community crime, the Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) and the Allstate Foundation—along with the Wireless Foundation and local law enforcement agencies—today launched a unique statewide public-private partnership drive to collect used cell phones.

“The simple act of turning in a used cell phone generates enormous public benefits to different sectors of the community,” said Patrick Harris, Executive Director of the Virginia Crime Prevention Association. “Cell phones often serve as the lifeline for victims of domestic violence or can help fund activities to prevent fraud against senior citizens and improve school safety. By recycling used cell phones, we also cut down on the amount of material clogging up landfills and creating environmental hazards.”

Known as the Call to Protect program, the new initiative urges Virginia cell phone users to donate old cell phones and batteries in specially marked boxes at local participating Allstate agencies throughout the state. The Call to Protect Program is part of a national wireless phone collection drive and is also supported nationally by the Wireless Foundation, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Motorola. Experts estimate there are more than 60 million inactive phones in the U.S.

“Allstate is in the business of helping people protect their families and their property in cities and towns across the state of Virginia,” said Patty VanLammeren, Allstate Capital Region Field Vice President. “This commitment to our communities is reflected in our support of programs like Call to Protect and through the proud participation of our Virginia agents in this important initiative.”

Virginia statistics on family violence reflect a statewide need for programs like Call to Protect. According to the most recent Family & Intimate Partner Violence Homicide Report from the Virginia Department of Health, there were 131 victims of family and intimate partner homicides in Virginia in 2003. In that year, 47.3 percent of all family and intimate partner violence occurred in eight localities: Norfolk, which was highest in the state with 9.2 percent, Fairfax and Henrico Counties, Richmond City, Newport News, Prince William County, Roanoke City, and Virginia Beach.

In the intimate partner homicide category alone, nearly four of every five victims were women with three of the victims being children under age 18. Over half (54.4 percent) of intimate partner homicide victims lived with the perpetrator prior to or at the time of the homicide, according to the report.

All Call to Protect phones are pre-programmed to dial 911 and usually one or two non-emergency numbers like a domestic violence shelter; members of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association donate free emergency airtime. All cell phone donations are tax-deductible—to print a tax receipt, visit the Wireless Foundation's Web site at [www.wirelessfoundation.com](http://www.wirelessfoundation.com).

Local law enforcement agencies will collect the Call to Protect phones and forward them to the VCPA for shipping to the Wireless Foundation. The phones are then distributed to potential victims by participating local domestic violence organizations and police departments. To determine if there is a participating organization in your community, please contact a local shelter or police agency directly. For general information about getting help for a victim of domestic violence, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or visit the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that has been providing crime prevention services in Virginia since 1978. Its mission is to make our communities safer by providing programs and services that reduce the opportunity for crime and terrorism to occur. For more information about the VCPA or the program, call (804) 231-3800 or e-mail [vaprevent@aol.com](mailto:vaprevent@aol.com)

The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL) is the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurer. Widely known through the "You're In Good Hands With Allstate®" slogan, Allstate helps individuals in more than 16 million households protect what they have today and better prepare for tomorrow through more than 13,600 exclusive agencies and financial specialists in the U.S. and Canada. Customers can access Allstate products and services through Allstate agencies, or in select states at <http://www.allstate.com> and 1-800 Allstate®. Encompass<sup>SM</sup> and Deerbrook® Insurance brand property and casualty products are sold exclusively through independent agents. Allstate Financial Group provides life insurance, annuity, retirement, banking and investment products through distribution channels that include Allstate agencies, independent agencies, financial institutions and broker-dealers.

The Wireless Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that was established in 1993 by the membership of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association. The Foundation oversees a number of philanthropic programs that use wireless technology to help address the challenges of American communities.

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